(*b*) whether there was any application for the registry of the land bearing the above survey numbers; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government or the Department with regard to the representation and the application referred to above?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes. The Chief Engineer.

(*b*) Yes, with regard to S. No. 1334.

(*c*) With regard to the representation for improvements, the Tahsildar has been addressed to ascertain the willingness of the ryots to pay half contribution, and with regard to the application for registry, it was returned to the Tahsildar saying that it can be taken up only after deciding the question of improvements to the tank.

Division Reports.

219. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who supplies the information to the Land Revenue Commissioner for the Division Reports published by him in the Gazette every week;

(*b*) who collects the information in the first instance and on what basis; and

(*c*) whether the correctness of the information is checked and verified by any superior authority over the first informant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) The Division Peishkars and the Tahsildars.

(*b*) The prices of necessaries are collected by the pakuthi and taluk staffs by local enquiry. The rainfall is measured in taluk offices.

(*c*) Yes.

Market at Venjaramoodu.

220. ***MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the public market at Venjaramoodu is without boundary walls?

MR. K. GEORGE: No. There are mud walls around the market.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know when these mud walls were put up?

MR. K. GEORGE: I am not in a position to say when. By a recent report I learn that the mud walls collapsed during the last rains.

Students selected by the Government for the Engineering Course.

221. ***MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students selected by the Government and who are studying in the Engineering College at Guindy in Madras?

(*b*) the number of such students studying for B. E. course and the Upper Subordinate course, separately;

(*c*) the number of students who have completed their course and are undergoing practical training in the P. W. Department in Travancore;

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(*d*) the number of such students who are likely to come out normally after their course in the years 1113, 1114 and 1115.

(*e*) whether the Government are anticipiating to make any provision for their employment; and

(*f*) the amount spent by the Government for these students who are likely to come out from the Engineering College at Madras in the years 1113, 1114 and 1115?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) 34.

(*b*) B. E. Course 19.

Upper subordinate course 15.

(c) 5.

(*d*) 1113—8.
1114—8.
1115—8.

(*e*) Government do not think it necessary at present to make any anticipatory provision.

(*f*) Bh. Rs. 52, 800.

The Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

222. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any communication from contractors or other representatives making any offer of rates for the cutting open of the Alleppey-Shertalai Canal; and

(*b*) the action taken by them for the further progress of the proposed completion of the said canal?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under enquiry.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know with reference to part (*a*) whether any representation was received to take up the work.

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: There was only one that I know of.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether that was from a person of the locality or from outside?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: It appears to be a representation from a person of the locality.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether the Government proposes to complete the canal?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: It has not yet been decided.

Statement, by caste, of Contractors of the Water Works and Drainage Department.

223. *MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a castewar list of contractors of the Water Works and Drainage Department?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: A * statement is laid on the table. As the majority of the contractors of this Department are limited firms, under either European or Indian management, no specific caste could be assigned to them and therefore they are omitted from the list.

*Vide Appendix I. Page 594.

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